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HONORING THE 136 TEACHERS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S 11TH DISTRICT WHO RECENTLY EARNED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION.

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MR. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary teachers in Western North Carolina who have earned National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. These dedicated professionals have demonstrated a commitment to improving the standards of education for our nation.

National Board Certification is a distinction which certifies teachers who set a higher standard for educating our youth. Through a rigorous process that takes between one and three years to complete, teachers must show advanced knowledge, skills and practices in their field through expert evaluation, peer review and self-assessment. Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher is a resource for teachers to progress in their fields and teach at a demonstrably higher level. National Board Certified Teachers improve learning and involvement in the classroom and provide students with the tools needed to advance academically.

I am incredibly proud of the fact that North Carolina not only has the highest number of teachers who obtained Board Certification in 2009, but also has more nationally certified teachers than any other state in the country. North Carolina's 11th district is home to more than 1,000 National Board Certified teachers, evidence of the incredible emphasis that our region places on education. We are honored to have these dedicated professionals in Western North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the amazing efforts these dedicated professionals have put forth in advancing themselves for the benefit of the youth of our nation. I urge my colleagues to recognize all National Board Certified Teachers nationwide.
